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Tim Nuvangyaoma, Chairman  
Hopi Tribe  
P.O. Box 123  
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Subject: EPA Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Final Ranking

Dear Chairman Nuvangyaoma:

Thank you for the Hopi Tribe's (Tribe) proposal submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in response to the FY2018 Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) solicitation. I am pleased to inform you that the Tribe's proposal for the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP) ranked high enough (Health Category 6c) to qualify for **\$2 million** in FY2018 Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) funds.

We understand that the current HAMP construction estimate is \$16.3 million. EPA's FY18 funding contribution will be combined with the Indian Health Service's (IHS) FY18 commitment of \$10.1 million, the Tribe's \$1.1 million commitment for the power line extension to the turquoise trail well field and \$1.1 million available in existing DWTSA and Tribally funded projects U62 and E89. EPA remains committed, pending future funding availability, to provide an additional \$2 million in FY19 DWTSA funds to cover the estimated construction cost shortfall.

This year USEPA received 14 proposals with requests for funding totaling over \$20 million. We expect to award approximately \$7.2 million in FY18 funds. Below is a summary of the project submitted by the Hopi Tribe in this DWTSA funding cycle. Note that a description of the DWTSA health ranking categories is included in EPA's full program guidance (<http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/dwtsa.html>).

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Final Ranking Health Category</u>	<u>EPA Funding Contribution</u>
DWTSA 18-6	Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP)	6c	\$2 million

We understand that the Hopi Tribe would like EPA to award the funds for the HAMP to the Indian Health Service (IHS) through an Interagency Agreement (IA). We request that you work with IHS to develop a Project Summary and draft Memorandum of Agreement and submit these to EPA by **July 20, 2018**. EPA intends to award the project funds no later than September 30, 2018.

As the HAMP is a high priority project, we want to ensure that it is completed as soon as possible. Please note that all projects of this type must be completed within 7 years, in accordance with EPA's Grants Policy Issuance 08-02. In addition, if the project is not under construction within 5 years, EPA could terminate project funding.

If you have questions, please contact your Program Manager and the DWTSA coordinator, Emmanuelle Rapicavoli at (415) 972-3969. Thank you for participating in the FY2018 DWTSA solicitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Albright', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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